

LET MEXICO ALONE!

SOCIALIST PARTY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELLS PRES. WILSON VIEWS OF ONE MILLION VOTERS

Voicing the opposition of the one million Socialist voters of the nation to armed intervention in Mexico, the Socialist Party National Executive Committee adopted and forwarded to President Wilson a memorial on the question of his recent mandate on the Mexican situation. The memorial was in full as follows:

MEMORIAL TO THE HONORABLE WOODROW WILSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
WE, THE members of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party

of the United States, in regular meeting assembled, and speaking for more than one million voters, view with grave alarm the implied threat contained in your recent warning to the contending elements among the liberty seeking people of war-torn Mexico.

The Socialist Party is unalterably opposed to armed intervention, and if that is the hidden meaning of your changed attitude on the Mexican situation, then we do hereby solemnly protest against your mandate, issued from the White House on June 8, 1915, in which you declare that: "It is time, therefore, that the govern-

ment of the United States should frankly state the policy which in these extraordinary circumstances it becomes its duty to adopt. It must presently do what it has not hitherto done or felt at liberty to do, lend its active moral support to some man or group of men, if such may be found, who can rally the suffering people of Mexico to their support in an effort to ignore, if they cannot unite, the warring factions of the country, return to the constitution of the republic so long in abeyance, and set up a government at Mexico City which the great powers of the world can recognize and deal with, a government with

whom the program of the revolution will be a business and not merely a platform."

We have, since the evacuation of Vera Cruz, Mexico, felt with deep satisfaction that your administration of the affairs of government at Washington intended to honestly assist, in every way possible, without resort to arms, the enslaved people of Mexico in achieving their liberty.

We feel now, more than ever, that the United States will best serve the interests of the Mexican people by not meddling or interfering in the present crisis.

You say, "Mexico is starving." "The United States is starving."

national government can better engage itself by attending to conditions at home rather than interfering with the internal affairs of our neighboring nation. In the United States millions are idle for want of employment. We do not know how many are starving in the dark places of our cities; but this number must far exceed the number who are in want in Mexico.

We feel that armed intervention in Mexico by the United States means the practical assassination of the aspirations of the liberty loving Mexican people; just as the sending of the troops into West

Virginia, Michigan, Colorado and elsewhere, meant the crushing of the hopes of our own citizens for better working conditions, increased wages and an ever widening industrial liberty.

This course we earnestly protest and will oppose with all the power at our command, no matter upon what pretext such action may be based.

Respectfully submitted,
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOCIALIST PARTY. — James H. Maurer, Adolph Germer, George H. Goebel, Arthur LeSueur and Emil Seidel.

POINT WAY TO END THE COLORADO HORRORS

Two immediate steps to help remedy conditions in Colorado are outlined to President Wilson in a memorial adopted by the Socialist Party National Executive Committee which will be forwarded to him immediately. It urges that the corrupt officials of Colorado be dealt with in the same manner that those at Terre Haute, Indiana, were treated, and that indictments be found against those who have been hit by the evidence produced before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations. The memorial in full is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WOODROW WILSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE undersigned National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in regular session assembled, respectfully represents that it has closely followed the occurrences in the State of Colorado during the last two years; that it has watched the developments in the coal miners' strike with the attending ruthless

the trials of John R. Lawson and Louis Zancannelli; and lastly that it has very carefully followed the hearings on the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations touching upon the Colorado situation. Following these in the order of their occurrence, the above named National Executive Committee can-

THE ROOF LEAKS



WITH THE BLOOD OF LUDLOW

not escape the conviction that there exists today in the State of Colorado, a government which meets out two kinds of administration—one for the rich and another for the poor; two kinds of judiciary—one condoning the crimes of the rich, another of brutal terror to the poor.

We, therefore, speaking on behalf of more than a million voters of the United States, present for your earnest consideration at every possible effort be made by the government of the United States to prevent a repetition of the travesty on justice resulting in the conviction of Lawson, Zancannelli and others. This can be done by convicting and removing from office those responsible for these irregular convictions, and who were elected to office by fraud and violence, this to be accomplished by the same methods as those employed by the department of justice at Terre Haute, Indiana, with such conspicuous success.

We further declare it to be our firm conviction that no effort should be spared to bring about the indictment of all against whom proof of guilty knowledge has been presented before the Commission on Industrial Relations, and the Congressional Committee on the Colorado strike.

We look with horror upon these criminal usurpations of government and earnestly demand on behalf of innocent men sentenced to jail for life and starving workers driven from their means of subsistence in violation of every principle of law, that the Government of the United States obey the mandate of the Constitution and restore a republican form of government to the State of Colorado.

Most respectfully submitted,
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOCIALIST PARTY. — James H. Maurer, Adolph Germer, George H. Goebel, Arthur LeSueur and Emil Seidel.

The Scandinavian Socialists in the Swedish, and "Social-Democrat" in the United States have now established their own printing plant; papers and the printers are now located at 2003 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.

PUSH PHILOSOPHY

By LINCOLN PHIPER

No man ever meant anything very strongly, except he showed sentiment.

If you don't think Socialism will do the things you wish done, what else will?

There is enough knowledge in the world, if applied only as far as known, to provide jobs, leisure and abundance for all who live.

A dead one is a man who is ruled by the customs and thoughts and debts of the dead. And judged by this standard there are very few live people in existence.

See what individualism and nationalism are doing in Europe. Surely it is time to turn to Socialism.

There is nothing higher under capitalism than the rule of the few over the many.

Capitalism puts everything on sale, even the bodies and souls of men and women. Whenever the government aids private business it assists a few in holding up the mass of the citizenship.

War is not wholly destructive. It comes to be creating a great many "war babies."

Every day William Howard Taft seems to be getting more of the spotlight that was once turned on Roosevelt. And William Howard is no hypocrite, though he may be funny.

Every nation is losing in the war, just as every people loses under capitalism.

Whenever an old partyite wishes Socialists to give up some of "their" variances, so that the "good things about Socialism" may be adopted, he always demands abandonment of the idea of ending exploitation, the only thing that is absolutely essential to Socialism.

Half the money that has been spent in the war would have turned the industries to the people and have enabled them forever to do away with the cause of war.

HERE'S LOOK BEHIND THE PRISON BARS

Did you ever get a look into a prison? Have you ever felt its horrors steal over you and every fibre in your being revolted and demanded that you do something to put an end to the kind of a penal system that prevails in the land today?

All of you are interested in prisons because it is the members of the working class, almost exclusively, who are sent to prison. That is why we want you to get a good look at the inside of the prison pen at Port Smith, Ark., where Fred W. Holt and other coal miners who fought to win a little more industrial liberty for the enslaved miners of Arkansas are confined.

In telling of the conditions surrounding him and his comrades, Holt writes to the editor of The American Socialist as follows: "This is a miserable place. For example, our cell is located in the negro department, with the male animals on one side and the female on the other. Back of us is located the cells where they keep the insane. And there is nearly always one or more of this product of capitalism on hand."

"Between the constant singing and cross firing of the colored population and the occasional yells and curses from the inmates, you can picture the luck one might have in concentrating his thoughts on any subject."

Holt broke down under the strain but there was enough mercy left in this prison pen to send him to a hospital where he slowly recovered. But he will not be able to regain complete health until his release which is promised for June 24. "I have just received my American Socialist," Holt also writes. "It's a jewel. If all of our Socialist and labor papers would only take

up and push the thought expressed on the forefront of this issue, we could drive the capitalists crazy in three months time. The workers are being aroused from their long slumber and The American Socialist is doing its part. I must congratulate you upon the splendid paper you are putting out, and am anxious to get in the field where I can help you."

STARVING JOBLESS DRIVEN FROM CALDWELL, KANS.

For the second time in a week hundreds of men in the south-western grain belt have been driven out of town prodded by gun muzzles. The first case was at Caldwell, Okla., where harvest hands wanted jobs and as a result were driven out of town. The second case has just occurred at Caldwell, Kan., where 250 starving harvest hands are reported to have become defiant after the city officials had refused them food.

Instead of giving the men some food, the city officials ordered them to get out of town.

ing to make known their grievances, armed posse surrounded them, marched them in double file to the depot and made them board the first outgoing freight train.

It is not known whether the starving men at Caldwell, Kan., were the same men driven from Caldwell, Okla., but these men must eat somewhere, and they will no doubt be heard from again.

It is announced in the cable dispatches from England that the daily citizen, the daily organ of the British trade unions, published at London, has been forced to suspend. This is no doubt due to the war. Several months ago, The Herald, also a labor daily, was also forced to suspend. They will no doubt both be able to resume as soon as the war is over.

SALVATION BY IMITATION

(A SUGGESTION)

By GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

THESE are indeed wonderful times we live in. Why, almost any moment you may have a perfect opportunity to be a fool, and, speaking out of the fullness of my abundant information born of experience and observation, I assure you it is an awful thing to be a fool. Just look at Europe. Really it is serious—to be a fool.

By the way, if you should have a good opportunity to fight a war you do not declare, fight a man you do not know, fight for a flag that does not protect you when you struggle for higher wages for your wife and children to live on, fight for a class who despise you, fight because you are told to, fight like a dog, fight like a tiger, fight like a fool—what are you going to do about that opportunity?

Your opportunity may mean death for you.

Let me make a suggestion: To avoid death in the next war—when the drums beat, and the horns blare, and the fifes screech, and the flags wave, and the pro-war orators and the pro-war editors and the pro-war preachers and other prominent people—and the recruiting agents—when all these thrill you and with hot-air fill you and cunningly call you to "come forward now and be a manly man, true to the flag, a fearless hero and a cheery patriot"—at such a time, at such a critical time, PRAY FOR ICE; keep cool; take a firm restraining grip on your natural disposition to be a big, blundering boob, and, if possible, side-step this carefully perfected opportunity to become a victimized fool. Just calmly keep your eyes, both eyes, glued to the great majority of the best dressed and most notably eloquent men in your community, and you do quietly as they do shrewdly about enlisting for actual immediate firing-line service in the war for which they are cunningly shouting. Then no cannon shot will reach you and no bayonet will rip you—and you will enjoy salvation through imitation.

I never wore a silk hat, but I have learned some things by observing those who do wear high silk hats. Do you know why silk hats are so high? Well, there seems to be a good deal of wasted space in a silk hat—in the part above where the brains ought to be. My dear friend, let me give you a hint. That space is not wasted—that's where they keep the ice.

POSTSCRIPT: THE ONLY EFFECTIVE thing the ruling class permits the working class to do against war is to TEACH against war, and that privilege is given to the working class only during times of peace. The time to prepare against war is in times of peace; for when war is declared, CARS, KAISERS, KINGS and Presidents—Caesars everywhere—shout "SILENCE!" to all opposition.

THESE ARE PRECIOUS DAYS—OF PEACE—IN THE UNITED STATES.

WAR WITH MEXICO

By EUGENE V. DEBS

WHAT means the sudden and complete about-face of President Wilson in the Mexican situation? He has repeatedly said in positive terms that the Mexican people must be allowed to work out their own salvation and that it is none of our affair how long they require to do it. In his Jackson Day speech at Indianapolis in January last he was especially decided and emphatic in this matter. And now in a twinkling he squarely repudiates himself and discovers in his own person the deliverer of Mexico.

Something has happened! President Wilson has suddenly

rendered to wall street and that the armed forces of this nation are to be used to crush the revolution in Mexico.

The solicitude for Mexico expressed by the President is but the pretext for intervention according to his own previous declarations, and intervention means war!

THE WASHINGTON administration has long been giving special aid and comfort to Villa but in spite of all the support that can be given him Villa has lost prestige with the revolutionists in consequence of the

SAVE MEXICO! (For Me)

By ROBERT MINOR



(From The New York Call)

well-grounded conviction that the bandit chieftain had sold out to Wall Street and that his triumph would mean the triumph of the powers that are looting Mexico and the defeat of the Mexican revolution.

The sinister significance of President Wilson's startling change of front and the manifesto issued by him which is tantamount to a declaration that Mexico is to be invaded by the United States, now overshadowed the European war in the gravity of its importance and possible consequences to the American people.

The dispatches state that the ambassadors and other representatives of foreign powers are in hearty agreement with President Wilson's new Mexican policy and that they will cooperate with him in "restoring peace in the unhappy nation."

THE VULTURES are about to descend upon their prey and pluck out its vitals in the name of neighborly regard and brotherly love!

All the powers of loot and plunder are now on in falling upon Mexico and President Wilson and the United States government are to be the base instrumentalities in the commission of this international crime.

For to crush the Mexican revolution at this crucial hour when its promise of deliverance to the long-suffering Mexican people was never so bright and promising as now, is not only an assault upon a nation struggling for freedom, but a shameful alliance with as brazen a gang of freebooters as ever plundered a helpless people, and a monstrous crime against civilization itself.

What is the duty of Socialists in this grave and threatening situation? There can be no doubt as to where they should stand and what they should do. They are in duty bound to their struggling comrades in Mexico to protest in thunder tones against intervention in Mexico.

NOW IS THE time to issue the protest and it ought to be made to ring from coast to coast and from the lakes to the Rio Grande. Every socialist

and every revolutionary voice in the land should join in a nation-wide protest against the perpetration of this eternal infamy.

In the words of President Wilson, before he surrendered to Wall Street, the Mexican people must be allowed to work out their own salvation and it is none of our affair how long they require to do it.

BRITISH RULERS PUT PISTOL AT HEAD OF LABOR

Philip Snowden, Socialist member of the British parliament from Blackburn, fought the ministry of munitions bill in the House of Commons, which was in effect a move for the conscription of British labor. Snowden announced that if any attempt were made to thrust forced labor on the country he would oppose it at every stage.

John Dillon, nationalist member, declared that, "Before you say 'up, dictator,' we are entitled to know what his powers are to be. Certain newspapers are applauding the ideals of Prussianism. We must take care that the war does not result in the establishment of Prussianism in this country."

J. H. Thomas, a Labor member, who was the last to speak on the bill, said that if the munitions measure was passed it was incumbent upon the government to give assurances that any relaxation in trade union rules should be only for the duration of the war.

"The government," Mr. Thomas said, "will not get what it wants by putting a pistol at labor's head. Let the government say what it wants, and the labor leaders and the workers will quickly rectify any mistakes that have been made."

Through its organ, The Labor Leader, the British Independent Labor Party has announced its opposition to representatives of the workers joining the British coalition cabinet.

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